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A passing ship had seen there was no light and told them.

2. Explain how we know what the weather like on the day they arrived at Flannan Isle.

The weather was bright and sunny, there were no clouds. I know because the poem says "The winter day broke blue and bright" and they had to "leave the sunlight" when they went into the lighthouse.

3. What does "blinded lantern" mean?

The lantern was not shining its light.

4. What did the men see as they brought their boat into the tiny creek?

Three strange, black ugly birds.

5. Explain how we know these men didn't want to be on the island.

It says they felt dread as they came close on their boat. As they climbed the steps they seemed to go on forever and the men were wishing they were safely on a boat far away from the island.

6. What did the men have to do before they stepped into the lighthouse?

Pluck up courage.